

BEFORE THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Don Storm	Chair
Cynthia A. Kitlinski	Commissioner
Dee Knaak	Commissioner
Norma McKanna	Commissioner
Tom Burton	Commissioner

In the Matter of **Hutchinson Telephone Company's** Request for Approval of Certified Actual Costs Associated with the **McLeod County** 911 Emergency Telephone Services System

ISSUE DATE: December 29, 1992

DOCKET NO. **P-412/ES-92-1401**

ORDER APPROVING CERTIFIED 911 SYSTEM COSTS

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

On February 9, 1982, the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (the Commission) approved McCleod County's final plan for the establishment of a 911 Emergency Telephone Services System.

On December 1, 1982, Hutchinson Telephone Company (the Company) placed a portion of a 911 Emergency Telephone System into service in McCleod County.

On November 22, 1983, the Commission approved the Company's central office modification costs in McCleod County.

On September 21, 1992, the Company certified the actual monthly trunk, circuit and access charges it incurred for the provision of 911 Emergency Telephone Service to the Hutchinson exchange in McCleod County.

Hutchinson is now requesting Commission approval of actual 911 system costs. Commission approval is necessary before the Department of Administration (DOA) will make payments for 911 system costs.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

Minn. Stat. Section 403.11, subd. 3 states:

Subd. 3 (METHOD OF PAYMENT; CERTIFICATION.) A public utility incurring reimbursable costs under subdivision 1 or 2 shall certify those costs to the commissioner of administration. The certification shall be in a form as prescribed by the commissioner after consultation with the public service commission. If the commissioner and the

commission approve the certified costs as appropriate and accurate, the commissioner shall pay the certified costs from money appropriated for that purpose within 90 days following receipt by the commissioner of the certified costs. The commissioner of administration shall estimate the amount required to reimburse public utilities for the state's obligations under subdivisions 1 and 2 of this section and the governor shall include the estimated amount in the biennial budget request.

Hutchinson has certified, in writing, that the elements of 911 services and associated costs indicated on Attachment A reflect only charges for services actually rendered in the direct provision of 911 service in McCleod County.

All charges listed on Attachment A are in accordance with the Company's tariffs.

The Commission finds that the costs for 911 Emergency Telephone Service in McCleod County which have been certified by the Company are appropriate and accurate.

Policy References:

Minn. Stat. Section 403.11 System Costs

Minn. Rules, pt. 1215.1400 Funding Eligibility/Payment of Recurring Costs

Minn. Rules, pt. 1215.1500 Funding Eligibility/Payment of Central Office Modification Costs

ORDER

1. The costs identified on Attachment A accompanying this Order are approved as appropriate and accurate.
2. This Order does not approve payment of any 911 system costs. Any possible future approval of payment for system costs shall be granted by the Commissioner of the Department of Administration in accordance with the provisions of Minn. Stat. Section 403.11.
3. This Order shall become effective immediately.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

Richard R. Lancaster
Executive Secretary

(S E A L)

STATE OF MINNESOTA)) SS
COUNTY OF RAMSEY)

AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE

I _____, being first duly sworn, deposes and says:

That on the ____ day of _____, 1992 (s)he served the attached Order Approving Certified 911 System Costs for McCleod County 911 Emergency Telephone Service

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XX By depositing in the United States Mail at the City
of St. Paul, a true and correct copy thereof,
properly enveloped with postage prepaid

XX By personal service

XX By inter-office mail

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Subscribed and sworn to before me, _____
a notary public, this _____ day of _____
_____, 1992.

Notary Public